GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 19 Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) were set up across the country in the last 10years and more than 6000 units are registered under the STP scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that opening of STPI in a particular State is left entire to the concerned State Government;

(c) whether STPI has a significant role to play in the development of IT in the country;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to streamline the procedure for opening of STPI to ensure that every region of the country is benefited; and

(e) if so, the details of efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGYAND COMMUNICATIONS(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d) and (e): Software Technology Parks of India (STPI),an autonomous Society under Ministry of Information Technology (MIT) was established in 1991 with an objective to implement the Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme.STPI, withthe support of Government of Indian and the concerned State Governments, has already set up 23 centres across the country. Over 6500 units are registered under the STP Scheme. Based on request of the State Government, STP Iprovides necessary assistance for setting up of STP Ifacility, the State Government is required to identify potential location for the software export industry, provide 3 acres of land, 3000 sq. ft. of built-up space and give a grant of Rs.1 crore to partially defray the project cost. Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India provides a grant of Rs.50 lakhs per Centre for setting up of High Speed Data Communication facility.